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AN AUDIO/VIDEO NETWORK, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING  
AUDIO

Cross Reference to Related Documents

This application incorporates herein by reference Patent Application Serial Number 10/038,315, (Sony IPD 50R4872), filed concurrently herewith, by Hiroshi Hara, entitled A SYNCHRONIZATION NETWORK, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING AUDIO.

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Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to the field of home audio/video network systems. More particularly, this invention relates to the use of a network audio/video system to provide seamless audio reproduction.

Background of the Invention

A typical home audiovisual equipment set up includes a number of components and peripheral devices, such as, for example, an audio/video (AV) amplifier, a DVD/CD player, speakers, a television, a VCR, and the like. Each of these components are connected to each other via a set of wires, with one component usually being central to a home audiovisual system. This is usually the AV amplifier, or a receiver. The AV amplifier has a number of specific inputs for coupling the other components and peripheral devices